Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, Jon K. Lauck was born June 16, 1971 and is a native of Madison, South Dakota; and,

Whereas, Jon is an accomplished scholar of South Dakota history and has contributed substantially to our understanding of South Dakota through his books, *American Agriculture and the Problem of Monopoly: The Political Economy of Grain Belt Farming, 1953-1980; Daschle vs. Thune: Anatomy of a High Plains Senate Race*; and *Prairie Republic: The Political Culture of Dakota Territory, 1879-1889*; and,

Whereas, Jon is a proud alumnus of South Dakota State University, where he was awarded a bachelors degree in history and political science with academic honors and was elected Student Association President; and Jon subsequently earned juris doctorate from the University of Minnesota, and a masters degree in history and Ph.D. in economic history from the University of Iowa; and,

Whereas, Jon has practiced law, worked as a professor at South Dakota State University, and is currently serving his state and his nation as a Senior Advisor and Counsel to United States Senator John Thune; and,

Whereas, Jon and his wife, Amy, are proud parents of Brendtly and Abigail, and

Whereas, Jon will be celebrating his 40th birthday on June 16:

Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim June 16, 2011, as

JON LAUCK DAY

in South Dakota, and I join all his many friends and relatives in wishing him a very happy birthday, good health, and much happiness.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Fourteenth Day of June in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Eleven.

Dennis Daugaard

Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

Judy A. Larson Exec. Asst.

Jason M. Gant, Secretary of State